

REMARKS

Further to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 10, 2005, the above amendment to the specification is made solely to update the priority information for the instant application. In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner amended the first paragraph of the specification, at page 1, lines 4-11, to update the status of the applications (i.e., abandoned or issued) that were listed in the priority claim. However, as noted by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed June 1, 2004, the claimed subject matter of the instant application was first disclosed in Application No. 09/404,879, filed September 24, 1999. Accordingly, the above amendment merely further updates the priority information of the first paragraph of the specification such that Application No. 09/404,879, filed September 24, 1999, represents the earliest application to which priority is claimed. Additionally, in the Examiner's amendment to the first paragraph of the specification, the status of Application No. 09/636,801 was listed as abandoned. However, Applicants note that a Petition to Revive an Unintentionally Abandoned Application was filed in this case on January 6, 2003 and subsequently granted on February 20, 2003. Accordingly, Application No. 09/636,801 is currently pending. Applicants have thus further amended the first paragraph of the specification to remove the designation of Application No. 09/636,801 as abandoned.

In reply to the Examiner's comments concerning the Declaration filed in this application on December 1, 2004, and the lack of a correspondence address provided therewith, Applicants have enclosed an Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(c) and § 1.76, updating the domestic priority information as discussed above, and further including a complete post office address to which correspondence are to be addressed.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or concerns regarding this communication, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (206) 644-4885.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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